

**CLAIMS:**

What is claimed is:

1. A method in a data processing system for providing  
5 host information, the method comprising:

receiving a request for host information for a  
remote computer from a requestor wherein the request  
includes one of a host name or an Internet Protocol  
address and is received from the requestor;

10 identifying a media access control address and a  
subnet mask using the request; and

returning a response to the requestor, wherein the  
response includes the media access control address and  
the subnet mask.

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2. The method of claim 1, wherein the requestor  
generates a wake-up packet using the host information and  
sends the wake-up packet to the remote computer.

20 3. The method of claim 1, wherein the media access  
control address and the subnet mask are received from a  
dynamic host configuration protocol server and are stored  
in a data processing system for the data processing  
system.

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4. The method of claim 1, wherein the dynamic host  
configuration protocol server obtains the media access  
control address and the subnet mask from when a remote  
computer requests an address from the dynamic host  
30 configuration protocol server.

5. The method of claim 1, wherein the media access control address and the subnet are received from a user submitting the media access control address and the subnet mask and are stored in a data processing system  
5 for the data processing system.

6. The method of claim 1, wherein the data processing system is a domain name server.

10 7. The method of claim 1, wherein the media access control address and the subnet mask are stored record for a name-to-address file and an address-to-name file.

8. A data processing system for providing host information, the data processing system comprising:  
15 receiving means for receiving a request for host information for a remote computer from a requestor wherein the request includes one of a host name or an Internet Protocol address and is received from the  
20 requestor;  
identifying means for identifying a media access control address and a subnet mask using the request; and  
returning means for returning a response to the requestor, wherein the response includes the media access  
25 control address and the subnet mask.

9. The data processing system of claim 8, wherein the requestor generates a wake-up packet using the host information and sends the wake-up packet to the remote computer.

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10. The data processing system of claim 8, wherein the media access control address and the subnet mask are received from a dynamic host configuration protocol server and are stored in a data processing system for the data processing system.

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11. The data processing system of claim 8, wherein the dynamic host configuration protocol server obtains the media access control address and the subnet mask from when a remote computer requests an address from the dynamic host configuration protocol server.

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12. The data processing system of claim 8, wherein the media access control address and the subnet are received from a user submitting the media access control address and the subnet mask and are stored in a data processing system for the data processing system.

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13. The data processing system of claim 8, wherein the data processing system is a domain name server.

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14. The data processing system of claim 8, wherein the media access control address and the subnet mask are stored record for a name-to-address file and an address-to-name file.

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15. A computer program product in a computer readable medium for providing host information, the computer program product comprising:

first instructions for receiving a request for host information for a remote computer from a requestor wherein the request includes one of a host name or an Internet Protocol address and is received from the requestor;

second instructions for identifying a media access control address and a subnet mask using the request; and

third instructions for returning a response to the requestor, wherein the response includes the media access control address and the subnet mask.

15 16. The computer program product of claim 15, wherein the requestor generates a wake-up packet using the host information and sends the wake-up packet to the remote computer.

3 20 17. The computer program product of claim 15, wherein the media access control address and the subnet mask are received from a dynamic host configuration protocol server and are stored in a data processing system for the data processing system.

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18. The computer program product of claim 15, wherein the dynamic host configuration protocol server obtains the media access control address and the subnet mask from when a remote computer requests an address from the 30 dynamic host configuration protocol server.

19. The computer program product of claim 15, wherein the media access control address and the subnet are received from a user submitting the media access control address and the subnet mask and are stored in a data processing system for the data processing system.
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20. The computer program product of claim 15, wherein the data processing system is a domain name server.